

## **FARMS AND FARMLAND UTILIZATION**

The number of farms in New York (*places selling \$1,000 or more of agricultural products in a year*) totaled 38,000 in 1998, equal to a year earlier. Total land in farms remained at 7.80 million acres. Farmland accounts for 26 percent of the State's total land area.

Total cropland stands at 4.98 million acres and accounts for 64 percent of total land operated. Harvested cropland at 3.77 million acres represents 48 percent of total land operated. Field crops such as corn, hay, haylage and

greenchop, small grains, potatoes, soybeans and other field crops account for 93 percent of the total cropland harvested. Vegetable crops make up 4.1 percent and fruit crops 2.6 percent.

Estimates of farmland utilization are shown in table 3 below. The estimates are based on annual surveys with about 10,000 farms reporting each year. County estimates for major land use categories for 1997 and 1998 appear on pages 90 and 91.

Table 3. **FARMS AND FARMLAND:** Number of Farms, Land in Farms and Land Use, 1989-1998

Item	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Number of farms	39,000	38,500	38,000	38,000	38,500	38,500	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000
Acres per farm	215	218	218	216	210	205	208	205	205	205
Land in farms	8,400	8,400	8,300	8,200	8,100	7,900	7,900	7,800	7,800	7,800
Cropland, Total	5,400	5,360	5,270	5,140	5,080	5,000	5,000	4,980	4,980	4,980
Cropland harvested, Total <u>1/</u>	3,911	3,867	3,752	3,768	3,749	3,808	3,700	3,730	3,760	3,770
Field crops harvested	3,655	3,615	3,500	3,522	3,503	3,562	3,446	3,482	3,510	3,519
Vegetable crops harvested	150	151	153	143	143	144	155	146	152	154
Fruit crops harvested	106	101	99	103	103	102	99	102	97	97
Cropland Pasture	780	750	740	720	700	690	710	700	680	670
Other Cropland	709	743	778	652	631	502	590	550	540	540
Permanent Pasture <u>2/</u>	710	730	720	740	710	680	680	670	670	670
Woodland <u>3/</u>	1,670	1,690	1,690	1,700	1,660	1,600	1,600	1,560	1,560	1,560
Other Land <u>4/</u>	620	620	620	620	650	620	620	590	590	590

1/ Beginning with 1992, field crops harvested and cropland harvested includes acres harvested only for haylage or greenchop.

2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pasture.

3/ Includes woodland pasture.

4/ Includes house lots, ponds, roads, waste, etc.